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CASES IN COURT.
Staff Inspector Willian, Clarke and Lanigan are prepared to assist any Police Reversible in the conduct of a case in Court. Members may always find at least one of these officers at the Imports and Exports Office at 9 a.m. any morning, or may telephone (No. 50).

POLICE SCHOOL.
Thursday, Dec. 21st.—Class III. (Inspector Gerrard).
Friday, Dec. 22nd.—Class IV. (Inspector P. O'Sullivan).

Wednesday, Dec. 27th.—Class I. (Chief Inspector Kerr); Class IV. (Inspector P. O'Sullivan).

Thursday, Dec. 28th.—Class III. (Inspector Gerrard).

Friday, Dec. 29th.—Class II. (Inspector Gordon).

INSPECTION OF ARMS.
Nos. 3 and 4 Sections of No. 1 Company will return their Rifles to the Armoury on Friday, Dec. 22nd, between the hours of 5.15 and 5.45 p.m.

SERVICE BOARD.
Thursday, Dec. 1st.—No. 2 Company, Band and Orchestra.

Friday, Dec. 22nd.—Nos. 1 and 2 Platoons and Water Police.

Wednesday, Dec. 27th.—No. 3 Company, Buglers and Drummers.

Thursday, Dec. 28th.—No. 4 Company, Ambulance Platoon, Mounted Police, Marine Gunners and Motor Patrols.

Only Company, Platoon, and Section Commanders and Warning Officers will be required to attend. They will attend at 5.30 p.m. sharp and in uniform.

(Sgd.) F. C. JENKIN,
D.S.C. (R.).

CHANGES IN SIAMESE FLAG.

A proclamation by His Majesty the King of Siam states that owing to the increase in Siam's trade and prosperity leading to a need for a more prominent flag more easily recognized at a distance and of such design that it would fly high it will be hoisted from merchantmen and also on account of the difficulty in making elephants for flags of proper design, it is ordered that in future the official flag be a white elephant, caparisoned and standing on a white platform, on a red ground, the head of the elephant to be facing the mast. For the merchant marine the flag will be rectangular, and bear two white horizontal stripes on a red ground. Flags will fly the merchant flag with a white border.

THE CHINA MAIL

NOTICE.

Communications relating to news should be addressed to THE EDITOR.
Correspondents must forward their names and addresses with any communication addressed to the Editor, not necessarily for publication but as evidence of good faith.

All matter for publication should be written on one side of the paper only.

Letters relating to business should be addressed to THE MANAGER.

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Alterations and additions to advertisements on Pages 2, 3, 5, and 6 should be sent to the Office, No. 5, Wyndham Street, not later than 11.30 a.m.

Alterations and additions to advertisements on pages 1, 4, 5 and 6 should be sent not later than 1 p.m.

New advertisements should be sent in before 2 p.m.

Advertisements and Specifications which are not ordered for a fixed period will be continued until countermanded.

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daily.

Applicants will be required to produce
Passports or identification papers. All
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7 days are required to Register them
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NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given that the demand for Electricity has almost reached the limit of the capacity of the present Generating Plant, and as a result no further applications for new connections can be accepted as from 1st January next, until completion of the New Power Station at North Point. It was fully expected that the North Point Station would have been completed and running before now, but owing to the War work in respect of the new plant has been considerably delayed.

By Order of the Board.
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Hongkong, Dec. 14, 1916. 1329

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G. TISDALE,
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Hongkong, Nov. 7, 1916. 1323

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Hongkong, Dec. 18, 1916. 1330

LECTURE AT GOVERNMENT
HOUSE.

CAPTAIN PELLIOT has kindly con-
sented to give a LECTURE on
Central Asia as the meeting-point of
Eastern and Western Civilizations, on
THURSDAY, the 1st December, at
11 a.m.

All those who are interested are
cordially invited.

By kind permission of His Excellency
the Governor, the Lecture will be given
in the ball-room at Government House.

H. E. POLLOCK,
Hon. Secretary.
Hongkong Old Volumes Society.
Hongkong, Dec. 18. 1330

ROYAL HONGKONG GOLF CLUB.
BOGEY COMPETITION.

A CUP has kindly been presented for
a BOGEY COMPETITION at
FENLING on December 23rd, 24th and
25th.

Entrance Fee \$2.00 each Round.
Players may take out as many cards as
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Proceeds to be given to War Charities.

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Entries close at Fenling, December 23rd,
10 a.m.

W. D. KRAFT,
Acting Hon. Secretary.
Hongkong, Dec. 18, 1916. 1338

DEPT. OF NATIONAL MISSION.

A WISH has been expressed by many
of those who attended the Services
Hon. Treasurer: Mr. W. M.
Humphreys, 16 Queen's Road, will be
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Hongkong, Dec. 18, 1916. 1343

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A BEE FIGHT IN EAST
AFRICA.AMUSING INTERLUDE IN THE
CAMPAIGN.

(By Vera Stant, in the “Patriotic
News.”)

The scene is set. You have some idea
of our atmosphere and surroundings.

The curtain rises on our hot line of
march safari fashion. I rode with the
staff; more often we walked, leading our
horses or halting, dismounted and crept
beneath such shade as we could find in
the long grass, while the advanced guard
sat for the enemy before us. We
had been marching for an hour when
one of our scouts was sent with the advance guard
lost touch with the scouts, and a halt
was called until connection should be re-
established. This took some while, but
when done and a foolish connecting link
suitably admittened, we wended for-
ward. For four hours and a half we
pursued our purposeful wanderings (from
above we must have looked like a
monster snake in the grass) and then a
short halt was called and packs were put
off for a few minutes. Between noon
and 1 o'clock just as we had resumed
firing clear and sharp our forward
inter-change of aimed individual shots.

The scouts were engaged. The column
moved slowly forward. The fire grew
more rapid and instant. The advance
guard was coming into action.

The staff dismounted and the native
porters promptly bagged every available
patch of cover. I noticed this particu-
larly, because I had marked a bit of a tree
and heap for myself, in case of
things becoming hot. To have avoided
myself of it was by now impossible; a
group of Sibuku, the heads piled before
them, lay a withering salvo of sweating,
fearful humanity, of which the under-
man considered himself best off. An
odd bullet or two whizzed aliken over us.
Then along the path ahead came, hurry-
ing men and mules.

Hurrying back.

The Brigadier frowned. “What's
this?” he said.

“Begs, sir,” shouted a perspiring
corporal. “The ammunition mules have
stamped.”

The situation seemed absurd, but it
might become serious. Down the line
raced muleteers, cloths over their
faces, their animals plunging and
screeching away in front of the rifles.

Then for a moment there
was a lull, the beat attack it seemed had
ceased, but the firing continued. Then
a report came from ahead that the
enemy's trenches had been taken in
from behind us. The beat had taken
on the flank. The staff commenced
to move forward, and then—angrily
and mutinously of grace defend us—the
troops were on us. I saw the General
rushed forward by his horse, and caught
a flying glimpse of the A.D.C. and
Brigade Major hanging on to ploughing
charges with one hand, while the
other hand went flying at bees with the other,
on the flank. I started to go for my horse,
but the beat was on me, and I had to find
my way back to the column.

Calmly the indignant and perspiring
horse, we all perspiring, and that
particularly annoyed with our nice
sense of smell, I started back, but pro-
gress was difficult, and suddenly there
came a burst of fire from quite a different
point of the compass at which I supposed
the front to be. I moved towards it, as
the only likely point to get into touch
with our people, and, luckily in a few
moments, stumbled upon the column
again in rear of the beat zone, but the
staff were far ahead, and there was
a pleasing uncertainty as to what was
going on that deflected all attempts
at surprising the situation. A second
attempt to get in touch with my horse
resulted in defeat by four beats,
and then jumping in a precious portfolio
I left my horse to my weight forward
later on and followed a deviation that
avoided bees. We had found the
rear-guard tramped steadily forward
across the river and dug in for the
night. It was the order, and we debouched
into a harvested maize field; a rifle
bullet struck tempestuously into the earth
was surrounded by suspiciously smooth
ground. Intelligence had got up a cod-

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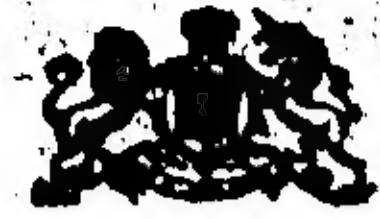
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PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction, (for account of the concerned).

F R I D A Y,
the 22nd December, 1916, commencing at 11 a.m. at their Sales Rooms, No. 8, Des Voeux Road, Corner of Ice House Street.

A Number of Lots of
HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, &c.,
Comprising:—

Carpets and Rugs, Sideboards, Dinner Waggon, etc., Dining Tables and Chairs, Chesterfield Sofas, Arm-chairs, &c., Teakwood Twin Beds, Wardrobes and Toilet Tables, Double and Single Brass-mounted Bedsteads, etc., Miscellaneous Furniture, Blackwood Ware, Piano, a few lots Porcelains, etc., Pantry, Bath Room and Kitchen Utensils, &c., &c., &c.

(Full Particulars from Catalogue.)
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HUGHES & HOUGH,
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Hongkong, Dec. 15, 1916. 1328

PUBLIC AUCTION.

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S A T U R D A Y,
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A Varied Assortment of
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A Consignment of
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HUGHES & HOUGH,
Auctioneers.
Hongkong, Dec. 8, 1916. 1312

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction, (for account of the concerned).

W E D N E S D A Y,
the 27th December, 1916, at 11 a.m.
at their To Kwa Wan Godowns,
Salvaged Cargo ex. S.S. "WISLEY,"
Comprising:

About 400 drums of Caustic Soda.
About 16 drums "Naphthaline" Flakes.
About 60 casks of Carbonate of
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About 20 cases of Oxide of Iron.
Twenty Braiding Machines "for
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Three small Electric Motors.
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etc., etc.)

And
A lot of spare gear wheels, and bear-
ings for the same make of car.

Immediately following this sale the
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the premises of the Hongkong and Kow-
loon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd.

108 boxes of Tin Plates.

100 cases of Black Plates.

10 cases of Lacing Hooks for Boots
and Shoes.

The To Kwa Wan cargo will be on
view from Monday the 25th inst., and
the inspecting orders for the cargo at the
Wharf & Godown Co., Ltd. premises may be
obtained from the undersigned.

Leave to convey intending purchasers
will be given at the Black Pier on the morning of
the 25th inst. 10 a.m.

Terms:—As usual.

HUGHES & HOUGH,
Auctioneers.

Hongkong, Dec. 11, 1916. 1317

AUCTIONS.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received in-
structions from Mr. Doo Chong
Kee, to sell by Public Auction,

WEDNESDAY and THURSDAY,
the 20th and 21st December, 1916,
commencing each day at 10 a.m., at his
premises "The Old Post Office Building"

Queen's Road Central,
A Large Assortment of
CHINESE PORCELAINS,
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Comprising:—

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Closseons, Snuff Bottles, Mandarin
Plumes, and Beads (Amber and Jade-
stone), Carved Bamboo Ware, Old
Soochow Lacquer Boxes, Silk Embroider-
ies, Kakemonos and Wall Hangings,
Jidestones and Ivory Carvings, &c., &c.,
&c.

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Hongkong, Dec. 13, 1916. 1325

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Hongkong, Dec. 19, 1916. 1344

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An Express Train will leave Kowloon at 10.05 a.m., first class passengers only.

W. D. KRAFT,

Acting Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, Dec. 19, 1916. 1345

GREEN ISLAND CEMENT COMPANY, LIMITED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Green Island Cement Company Limited will be held at the Office of Messrs. Shewan, Tomes & Co., the General Managers of the Company, St. George's Building, Chater Road, Victoria, in the Colony of Hongkong, on FRIDAY the fifth day of January, 1917 at 12 o'clock noon when the subjoined Resolutions which were passed as Extraordinary Resolutions at the Extraordinary General Meeting of the said Company held on the Fifteenth day of December, 1916 will be submitted for confirmation as follows:

The Company will be entitled to receive from \$4,000,000 (Four million dollars) divided into 400,000 (Four hundred thousand) shares of \$10 (Ten dollars) each, and such reduction will be effected by returning (one tenth of each share) to the Company's Board of Directors shall appoint to the holders of the 400,000 (Four hundred thousand) shares that have been issued plus up capital to the extent of \$250 (Two dollars and fifty cents) per share and by reducing the nominal amount of each of the said shares from \$10 (Ten dollars) to \$7.50 (Seven dollars and fifty cents).

(5) That application be made to the Supreme Court of Hongkong to confirm the reduction of the capital of the Company in conformity with the foregoing Resolution.

Dated this 19th day of December, 1916.

By Order of the Board.

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.

General Managers.

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THE DIARY

MEMOS. FOR TO-MORROW.

Prince George's birthday (1902).

2.30 p.m.—Auction of Xmas Toys and Crackers at Messrs. Hughes and Hough's.

2.30 p.m.—Auction of Children's Parcels, Embroideries, Curios etc. at Old Post Office Building.

4.30 p.m.—Matinee Performance of "Kismet".

General Memoranda.

THURSDAY, Dec. 21.—

Legislative Council Meeting.

4.30 p.m.—Hockey Match on U.S.R.C. ground; Volunteers v. R.G.A.

6.15 p.m.—Lecture at Government House by Capt. Pelliot.

FRIDAY, Dec. 22.—

11 a.m.—Meeting of the Licensing Board.

SATURDAY, Dec. 23.—

9 a.m.—Extra Performance of "Kismet".

SAT. 23 SUN. 24 & MON. Dec. 25.—

Boat Competition at Fanling.

SUNDAY, Dec. 24.—

9 a.m.—Excursion to Macao by the "Talshan".

MONDAY, Dec. 25.—

Public Holiday.

TUESDAY, Dec. 26.—

Public Holiday.

10 a.m.—Winter "Bisley" at Stonecutters.

10 a.m.—Mixed Foursome Competition at Fanling.

WEDNESDAY, Dec. 27.—

11 a.m.—Auction of Salvaged Cargo ex. "Wistley" at the To Kwa Wan Godown and Kowloon Godown.

THURSDAY, Dec. 28.—

4.30 p.m.—Volunteers v. 7th Punjab C. ground.

FRIDAY, Dec. 29.—

Volunteers v. 7th Punjab C. ground.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

LATEST EDITION.

LOCAL AND GENERAL

The Management of the Hongkong Hotel announce special dinners to be served on Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Day. A band will be in attendance.

An unknown Chinese who apparently fell over the cliff above the No. 1 dock at Kowloon was found dead yesterday. Nearly every bone in his body was broken.

A fire which broke out in one of the godowns of the Imperial Japanese Tobacco Monopoly Bureau at Hiroshima on the 2nd inst. did damage to the extent of about 400,000 yen.

An old woman of 70 years was knocked down by a tram car in Des Voeux Road Central yesterday. She was removed to hospital suffering from various injuries and shock.

Five cases of enteric fever and four deaths were reported last week. One was a British case, the others Chinese. Five cases and two deaths from diphtheria (1 British, rest Chinese) were also notified.

At a meeting of the Legislative Council on Thursday the following resolution will be proposed:—"That it is desirable that the sum of \$3,000 inserted in the Estimates for the years 1916 and 1917, under the headings 'Miscellaneous Service, Grants in aid of other Institutions' \$3,000 for Chinese Plague Hospitals' be applied for the general purposes of the Chinese Public Dispensaries, at the discretion of the Secretary for Chinese Affairs.

A reader writes to suggest that as the A.D.C. performance of "Kismet" takes no long and does not finish till after half-past twelve, and as there is nothing that could possibly be cut out, that the next evening's performance should begin at 8 o'clock or a quarter past eight. The final curtain would then fall about half-past eleven or a quarter to twelve, thus enabling light refreshments to be obtained before making for home. It is also suggested that the Hongkong Hotel should obtain an extension of their Restaurant license (Grill Room)—not the Bar-up to 1 o'clock and provide light supper from 12 to 1 with a

entire suppression of the opium traffic in China. The ten-year period mentioned in the Anglo-Chinese Opium Agreement expires next year, but it is provided in the Agreement that the stoppage of the import of Indian opium into the ports of Shanghai and Canton shall be contingent on the success of the Chinese Government in effectively suppressing the cultivation of opium in China. Wonders in eradicating to the extent she has the cultivation and the sale of opium in China, considering the magnitude of the problem ten years ago, but it is very much to be doubted whether the suppression will be final and complete for many years yet to come.

Every year since the Agreement was concluded the Chinese Government and the higher provincial officials have been issuing proclamations prohibiting the cultivation of opium, and when the original agreement was revised the British Government, impressed by China's earnestness in the matter, as evidenced by the most rigorous policy she adopted for prohibiting the production, the transport and the smoking of native opium, went so far as to agree that the export of opium from India to China should cease in less than the prescribed period if clear proof is given of the complete absence of native opium in China." Such proof, however, has not been possible,—though the export of opium from India to China has, we believe, practically ceased. Travellers have told us even during the past year of the cultivation of the poppy in many provinces of China, but always, we gather, in out-of-the-way districts, seldom or never visited by the higher officials. This will doubtless continue to be done until China possesses a Civil Service which is honest and incorruptible. The suppression of the opium traffic has meant the sacrifice of China of a considerable amount of revenue, but it has at the same time exposed her people to an even greater vice—the spreading of the deplorable morphia habit, which the Statistical Secretary of the Maritime Customs, in reviewing the trade of the country for last year, had led to the development of one of the most profitable trades in the country. It has been estimated, Mr. TAYLOR said, that the annual profits of the traffic do not fall far short of £1,000,000. Some of the Foreign Governments are actively striving to guard China from this curse and it is sincerely to be hoped that future trade reports will show that the danger of this disastrous traffic taking the place of opium has been checked, if not eliminated.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

Dr. G. E. Morrison has been spending a few days in Shanghai.

Sir Richard Dane, of the Chinese Salt Administration, has gone to Japan for a visit.

During the absence of Mr. H. P. Wilkinson from Shanghai Mr. Alan G. Moxon is to act as Crown Advocate.

Mr. H. von Haidenstein, Engineer in Chief to the Whampoo Conservancy Board, has returned to Shanghai from a short trip to Sweden.

To-morrow is the birthday of Prince George, the youngest son but one of Their Majesties King George and Queen Mary. Prince George was born in 1902.

News has been received in Shanghai that another Shanghai resident, Lieut. N. H. Rutherford, has received the Military Cross. Lieut. Rutherford who was in the 3rd Duke of Wellington's Regiment, was recently wounded on the French front, and is now in hospital at Oxford.

Shanghai papers record with deep regret the death of Mr. Alfred Berry, of Messrs. Butterfield & Swire's Shanghai Office, son of Mr. G. F. P. Berry of Stockport. The late Mr. Berry was well-liked in the office, where he had served faithfully and well for two and a half years, and his sudden death at the early age of twenty-seven years has been a great blow to all who knew him.

Captain Pelliot, LL.D. has kindly consented to deliver a lecture at 5.15 p.m. on Thursday December 21st on "Central Asia as the meeting place of Eastern and Western Civilizations" under the auspices of the Odd Volumes Society, in the Ball Room at Government House, kindly lent for the purpose by the Governor. His Excellency cordially invites all who are interested in the subject, upon which Captain Pelliot is a recognized authority, to avail themselves of this opportunity. H. E. the Governor will take the chair.

The proceeds of the fables and of the sale of a screen embroidered by Mrs. Bowley, amounting to \$98, will be sent home for Belgian children in England.

Two telescopes contributed by Captain L.J. Lossius, St. George's House, Hongkong, are now to be added to the list of glasses received and forwarded to the Lady Roberts Field Glass Fund.

STOP PRESS

NEWS.

(Reuters' Service to the China Mail.)

THE M. M. MAGELLAN TORPEDOED.

EVERYONE ON BOARD RESCUED.

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 19.

A Berlin message reports the torpedoing of the French trampship "Magellan," 6,000 tons. There were 1,000 on board.

A Marseilles telegram states that everyone was rescued.

WARRANT FOR M. VENEZELOS' ARREST.

ATHENS, Dec. 19.

A warrant has been issued for the arrest of M. Venezelos on a charge of high treason.

THE MAGISTRACY.

A NAVAL YARD CASE.

A Chinese lighterman in the employ of the Naval Yard was charged before Mr. Wood with stealing 146 lbs. of zinc, 191 lbs. of brass and copper, 4 pulley blocks and a steel water tank, belonging to the Admiralty, on the 15th inst. The charge was amended to one of receiving.

Acting sub-Inspector Allan said he had known the defendant several years. He had been employed as a lighterman at the Naval Yard, and was in temporary charge of lighter 259. Witness searched a number of lighters, including the one defendant had charge of. This was lying inside theamber. No one was on board the lighter at the time. On a search being made witness found all the metal in one cabin and a steel water tank in another.

Defendant denied the charge stating that the metal might have been stolen by a lighterman on leave; he knew nothing about them.

TRAGEDY ON BOARD A GODOWN LIGHTER.

A coolie employed on a lighter belonging to the Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co. was charged before Mr. C. D. Melbourne, this afternoon with murdering another coolie on November 27th. The story for the prosecution was that defendant struck deceased with a captain's spar as he came up the hatch. Deceased fell to the deck and vomited blood. He was removed to the Hospital by the Godown Co. before the Police had seen him and after lingering for ten days in a semi-unconscious condition he died. Defendant was arrested by a watchman as he was running on to the wharf.

Dr. Moore, Assistant Superintendent of the Government Civil Hospital said death was due to rupture of a blood vessel in the brain, which could have been caused by a severe blow from the captain's spar.

Defendant said deceased threw a bottle at him and he struck deceased with the spar.

Other evidence was called and defendant was committed for trial.

WAR CHARITIES.

With the kind permission of Lady May, the usual articles from the Toy Stall at the Ministering Children's League Bazaar have been distributed by Mrs. Bowley as follows:—

Toys and perfumes to the Nethersole Hospital, Italian Convent and Diocesan Girls' School, Cigarettes, etc. to the Seamen's Institute and Soap to Mrs. Edwards for soldiers' parcels.

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UNNECESSARY WORDS.

WHY waste words and advertising space in describing the many points of merit in Chamberlain's Cough Syrup? The most ridiculous are satisfied when we state that it cures colds and coughs from any cause, and that it contains absolutely no narcotics or injurious substances. For sale by all Chemists and druggists.

PONIES FOR THE RACES.

Already a number of ponies have come down from Shanghai and the North and have commenced training

for the Race Meeting, which has been fixed for February 26th, 27th and 28th.

Goldina, the winner of the Tientin champion, has arrived; as have also Adventure and Nyanza, a Shanghai pony that raced there last autumn meeting. Nyanza is in the same stable as Adventure. Mr. Ellis Kadocro has

had sent down Australian Chief, Pingwa Chief, Dalny Chief and Derby Chief; besides three griffins. Other griffins

seen on the course are "six

belonging to Messrs. Logan and Easto

and three owned by Mr. H. P. White.

Six Paul Chater's string are not expected

till the first week in January. The following subscription griffins have

already been drawn:—

1. Black, Mr. C. G. Mackie.

2. Grey, Waylond Mees.

3. Brown, Mr. A. R. Lowe.

4. White, Mr. M. S. Sasecon.

5. Grey, Mr. C. E. Anton.

6. White, Dr. Jordan.

7. Dun, Mr. Sieg.

8. Chestnut, Mr. A. L. Scarce.

9. Chestnut, Mr. P. C. Potts.

10. Chestnut, Mr. N. J. Stabb.

11. Roan, Mr. C. W. Beswick.

12. Grey, Mr. J. R. Ezra.

13. Grey, Mr. D. M. Ross.

14. Chestnut, Mr. J. Hennessey Seth.

15. Black, Col. A. Chapman.

16. Bay, Mr. Staves.

17. Grey, Dr. Allan, Mr. R. M. Dyer

and Mr. Fisher.

THE WAR.

LATEST TELEGRAMS.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

THE VERDUN VICTORY.

41,387 PRISONERS.

VIOLENT GERMAN COUNTER-ATTACK FAILS.

PARIS, Dec. 18.

A communiqué states: The Germans violently counter-attacked our new positions on the right bank of the Meuse, but did not succeed in gaining a footing, except at Chambray Farm, the immediate approaches to which, however, we continue to hold. We have up to the present counted 11,387 prisoners at Verdun since the 15th inst., including 244 officers. We captured or destroyed 115 guns, 44 mine-throwners, and 107 machine-guns.

ENEMY EJECTED FROM THE FARM.

LATER.

A communiqué states: South of the Somme there has been fairly lively reciprocal artillery activity in the La Maisonneau sector. On the right of the Meuse, after a sharp fight, we ejected the enemy from Chambray Farm; the whole of which we have reoccupied. Two machine-guns were captured.

FURTHER INTERESTING DETAILS.

PARIS, Dec. 18.

The capture of Pepper Hill was the decisive event leading to the victory at Verdun.

The Germans were clinging desperately to the hill when unexpectedly there was an attack on their rear. A debacle followed. The enemy fled, casting away their arms, munitions and equipment.

Our contingents cut off the retreat of the enemy who surrendered by hundreds. Further east the powerfully fortified Chambray Farm, on which 60 machine-guns were found, was gloriously assaulted by a weak force. A battery of 8-inch guns was found in an adjacent place, intact, the gunners being dead alongside them.

Big captures of munitions further testified to the completeness of the victory.

LATER.

An official announcement says: On the right of the Meuse our new lines from Villeramont to Besson-Vaux, and particularly the Chambray Farm sector, has been bombarded. We replied.

BRITISH RAID TRENCHES.

LONDON, Dec. 18.

General Sir Douglas Haig reports: We successfully raided trenches at Renhart inflicting casualties by bombing and dug-outs were entered in the trenches.

South-West of Wytschaete we destroyed a machine-gun emplacement.

The enemy blew a camouflet eastwards of Ypres.

LATER.

Sir Douglas Haig reports that enemy trenches were successfully entered southward of Armentières last night, and a number of the occupants killed.

A GERMAN COMMUNIQUE.

LONDON, Dec. 18.

The German evening official announcement says:

There has been moderate fighting in the West and East.

Our army in Dobruja gained ground northwards. German seaplanes bombed Russian warships at Sulina, and killed a hostile seaplane which was using a machine-gun.

BRITISH HORSE-TRANSPORT SUBMARINED.

LONDON, Dec. 18.

SEVENTEEN AMERICAN MULETEERS KILLED.

LONDON, Dec. 18.

The Admiralty announces that the horse-transport "Russian", west-bound empty, was submerged and sunk in the Mediterranean on the 14th inst. Eleven of the crew, and 17 American muleteers were killed.

SHIPS SUNK.

LONDON, Dec. 18.

The steamers "Westminster" (British), "Brake" (Norwegian), "Michael Ulyanovskoff" (Danish), "Vale" (Swedish), and the sailing ships "Natal" and "Constance" (Mars) (British) have been sunk.

THE STRUGGLE IN RUMANIA.

A RUSSIAN SUCCESS.

ENEMY CAVALRY AVOIDS BATTLE.

LONDON, Dec. 18.

A Russian communiqué says: A strong enemy attack in the region of Valerutna was repelled at the point of the bayonet. We pursued them and secured a height on the Rumanian front.

Our cavalry twice rushed to attack the enemy cavalry which was attempting to attack our retiring troops in the region of Buzau. The enemy would not accept battle, and retired behind the infantry.

RUSSIANS CAPTURE MANY HEIGHTS.

LONDON, Dec. 18.

A Russian communiqué states: We have captured a number of heights in the Carpathians, taken 200 prisoners and repelled enemy counter-attacks there and in the regions of Filiposei and Dibatogu, Rumania.

GERMAN AIRCRAFT ACTIVITY.

LONDON, Dec. 18.

A German communiqué states: Our air squadrons attacked the enemy retreating towards Braila with visible effect.

IMPORTANT FIGHTING IMPENDING.

LONDON, Dec. 18.

RUMANIAN ARMIES ARE COMPLETELY SAVED.

LONDON, Dec. 18.

Advices from Petrograd state that the enemy suffered enormous losses in Wallachia.

The Rumanian armies were completely saved and are at present on the other side of the Scrath where they are regrouping.

The Russians are holding the ground on all fronts, except between Rimnicu and Sarat and in the Trotus region, where, however, General Averescu (the Rumanian Commander-in-Chief) is standing firm.

General Brusilov has moved southward in South Moldavia. A vast Russo-Rumanian plan has been carried out and important fighting is impending.

THE MACEDONIAN FRONT.

LONDON, Dec. 18.

BRITISH RAIDS.

LONDON, Dec. 18.

A Salonia's despatch reports two successful raids by the British on the Struma front and Lake Doiran.

Our aeroplanes bombed Tumba station and damaged transport on the Ghavelli Cherniste Road.

SERBIAN PRISONERS STARVING IN AUSTRIA.

LONDON, Dec. 18.

The Serbian Legation reports that an escaped Russian priest describes the Serbian prisoners in Austria as weak and emaciated. They search for roots and sometimes beg. He never saw a more wretched set of men.

SAFE CONDUCT FOR AN AUSTRIAN AMBASSADOR.

LONDON, Dec. 18.

The Foreign Office has granted Herr Turnowski, the Austro-Hungarian Ambassador at Washington, safe conduct to the United States.

ITALIAN CABINET REORGANISATION.

LONDON, Dec. 18.

A number of members of Parliament are urging Senator Boselli to appoint a War Committee on similar lines to the British and French.

EXCITEMENT IN TOKYO ALLAYED.

TOKYO, Dec. 18.

The excitement due to the announcement of the German Peace proposals has been allayed.

BOMBING RAIDS BY AIRSHIPS.

LONDON, Dec. 18.

The Air Board describe successful bombing raids in France.

German artillery prisoners admit that large numbers of guns were directly hit as the result of accurate observation by British aviators.

THE ULTIMATUM TO GREECE.

ALLIES DEMANDED REPARATION FOR MURDERED SOLDIERS.

LONDON, Dec. 18.

A telegram from Athens states that the Allies have demanded reparation for murdered soldiers in the shape of a salute to their flag.

The re-establishment of Allied control of the public services (i.e. posts, telegraphs, communications, etc.)

An indemnity;

Amnesty for Venetologists.

It is expected that the blockade will be maintained till these conditions are fulfilled.

THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE VERDUN VICTORY.

THE PERSECUTION OF THE VENEZELISTS.

LONDON, Dec. 18.

The Athens Correspondent of the Daily Chronicle states that 8,000 Venetologists are in prison and that 300 have been shot.

GRAVE HAPPENINGS IN THE PROVINCES.

LONDON, Dec. 18.

A Daily Mail message from Syria, despatched on the 11th inst., reports grave happenings in the Greek provinces. Greek officers seized the guns and ammunition in Allied control at Volo, Larissa and Trikala, and expelled the controllers who were insulted by the crowds. At Volo a gun hauled British officers from a steamer, threw the furniture of the British control officers into the sea, and killed two French soldiers and a Greek interpreter.

PANIC ON ATHENS STOCK EXCHANGE.

ATHENS, Dec. 18.

There is panic on the Stock Exchange owing to the blockade.

TRANSPORT OF GREEK TROOPS TO MOREA.

LONDON, Dec. 18.

The transport of Greek troops to Morea began on Saturday. The passage of the trains was checked at Elusis station.

Allied officers and French warships at Patras and Corinth are supervising.

THE FOOD SHORTAGE IN GERMANY.

LONDON, Dec. 18.

Mr. Arthur Henderson (a member of the War Cabinet) in the course of a speech, said that the peace-loving British would welcome peace, but they remembered that the offer emanated from a Power which had infamously proposed, in 1914, that we should betray France and acquiesce in the violation of Belgium. Therefore, the proposals must be scrutinised in the light of our sacred obligations to the Allies, and must be tested by the principles for which we were fighting. Indemnities for the past would be insufficient without guarantees for the future, and the later would be insufficient without ample reparation being made to Belgium, Serbia and Poland. If the proposals were merely a pretence to secure an armistice, we must set our face like steel and confront all hardships and dangers in order to secure a righteous peace.

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KEY TO GERMANY'S PEACE OFFER.

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 18.

The food shortage in Germany is the key to Germany's peace offer.

Herr Botschi, the Food Controller, twenty-four hours previous to the offer being announced, was told by the auditors that the potato crop was 20,000,000 tons compared with 30,000,000 tons last year, and that the grain crop was 1,500,000 tons short of the estimate.

THE EXPECTATION OF SUPPLIES FROM RUMAIA WILL NOT BE REALISED, AS HUNGARY AND AUSTRIA ARE ALREADY QUARRELLING OVER IT.

The Koehnische Zeitung hints that Herr Koerber's fall is due to quarrel with Count Tisza on this subject.

BLINDED IN THE WAR.

AN APPEAL.

LONDON, Dec. 18.

Sir Arthur Pearson makes the following appeal to the Press of the world:

I request you to ask your readers to send a New Year's gift to help the men blinded by the war.

Their numbers are increasing very rapidly. I have nearly 300 learning to be blind and nearly 200 more coming shortly from hospital.

One hundred and sixty already taught to read Braille and to type while are settled in useful and profitable occupation.

A large permanent fund is needed to ensure adequate supervision and assistance to these and others following. The courage, determination and rapidity which is shown in overcoming the handicap is beyond all praise. I trust those possessing the inestimable gift of sight will send a New Year's gift for the benefit of those who have given their eyes for the Empire.

MR. LLOYD GEORGE'S DRASTIC PROPOSALS.

LONDON, Dec. 18.

Mr. Lloyd George, the Premier, will submit to Parliament the inner circle of the Premier's supporters make no secret of the possibility of an election.

BRITAIN'S FOOD PROBLEM.

A MEATLESS DAY EXPECTED.

LONDON, Dec. 18.

It is expected that Lord Davenport, Food Controller, will shortly enforce a meatless day, probably Thursday, (including private houses), sugar tickets, and the compulsory use of maize, oats, or barley in addition to wheat, in bread-making.

ITALY'S FINANCES.

LOOKING TO BRITAIN.

LONDON, Dec. 18.

The Finance Minister, referring to the Budget, announced that last year there was a deficit of 108,000,000 lire. He foresees no great difficulties in providing, in the forthcoming period, for internal expenses, while he is confident that they would cordially be given the support of the British Treasury to overcome their difficulties regarding war payments abroad.

ORDER RESTORED IN PORTUGAL.

MADRID, Dec. 18.

Order is completely restored in Portugal, from which place transports are arriving normally.

A GERM DESTROYER.

THERE IS NO DANGER, WHETHER FROM A BOMB OR A POISON GAS, RESULTING FROM A WOUND WHEN CHAMBERLAIN'S PAIN BALM IS PROMPTLY APPLIED. IT IS AN ANTISEPTIC AND DESTROYS THE GERMS WHICH CAUSE THESE DISEASES. IT ALSO CAUSES WOUNDS TO HEAL WITHOUT INFLAMMATION AND IN ONE-THIRD THE TIME REQUIRED BY THE NORMAL TREATMENT. FOR SALE BY ALL CHEMISTS AND STOREKEEPERS.

THE OPERATIONS IN MESOPOTAMIA.

RE-ELECTION BILL.

LONDON, Dec. 18.

The House of Commons has passed the Re-election Bill, dispensing with the necessity for the re-election of Ministers.

MAN-POWER.

The general situation on all fronts is neither more nor less grave than when we have the right to expect from the comparative forces engaged and the relationship of the different fronts says Mr. Garvin in the Observer. If we add up all the field divisions engaged by the Alliance and by the Central Powers, we doubt whether the numerical preponderance of the Alliance is greater than seven to five, and we think it correct that the central situation of the enemy, his superior railway system, and his excellent organisation, go very far to equalise matters between us. We have not yet placed in the field sufficient forces to overwhelm the enemy, and some of our Allies are still inferior to the enemy in armament. We have just enough numerical superiority to seize the initiative and to attack, and all our Allied armies have attacked with the same ardour and resolution. We have the sense of superiority, and the spirit of the Allied Armies is magnificent, but we must only say that our Allies are bound to place in the field larger forces next year in order to derive better results than those which they have hitherto secured.

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WHAT THE LOSER WILL
LOSE.ANALOGY FROM AMERICAN CIVIL
WAR.

A writer in the Journal of Commerce quoted by the Literary Digest, draws interesting conclusions as to the effect of the European War on those nations which emerge from it as losers. These conclusions are based on a brief statement of what happened to America's Southern States after the Civil War. He remarks that the Southern white people imagined that they had won the war and that they still had the upper hand, but were soon taken in, on learning that they lost an enormous amount of wealth through the freeing of the slaves. The writer contends that as a matter of fact the South was "lost almost nothing."

The negroes were worth in the aggregate just what their labour was worth, and that was taken away as a result of the war. By this the writer means, not that individual owners did not lose something from the freeing of slaves, but that the South as a country lost nothing, since the negroes were still there able to work as before. Individual owners lost the slaves that when they had occasion to raise money, they could not do so by selling negroes. To that extent only had they such losses. Any planter who wanted negroes to work in raising cotton or tobacco could still have them do so after the war, a little if any more than slave-labour. In fact, it proved more efficient as the increased production in the South has since shown.

The South, however, had great losses, but they were in other ways. The Southern people had lent their money to the Confederate Government, for which they had received bonds, and had given their services and their goods, for which they received Confederate notes in payment. Had the Confederacy won the war, it probably would have been able ultimately to pay the principal of these bonds and redeem the notes, but when the war was over the South was the loser, it could not redeem its bonds and notes, and its people soon found that what they had invested in them was a total loss; their money "had been destroyed on battlefields." By this process the South became impoverished, and it took twenty years to recover from its losses. The writer points out that experiences of this kind come to those European nations which lose in the present war, whether they be Teutonic, British, Latin, or Slavonic.

If Germany shall be defeated, the economic loss will be realised in this way. The Government will remain in existence, but it will be impossible for it to redeem all its notes and its bonds. The wealth has already been destroyed on the enormous battle-fields, but so long as the Government can pay interest and the notes circulate, though at a depreciation, concealed in the rise of prices, the people do not realise the loss. But the loss has been incurred, and the people will find it out at the end of the war if the "Allies" are not compelled to pay enormous indemnities.

"Not long ago a German writer stated that it would be impossible to conclude the war without the payment of indemnities by the Allies, because without them every person and corporation in Germany would be bankrupt. But suppose the indemnities cannot be extorted; suppose, furthermore, that Germany cannot obtain peace without paying indemnities to the Allies. Then the only way will simply have to be compensated. The loss we have already incurred, the only chance of recovering it is by extorting the money from the Allies. Germany went into this war with a light heart because for a generation the people had been assured that war would cost the country nothing; the vanquished enemies would pay the bill. This explains why the Government did not venture to impose additional taxes till the war had been going on for a year and a half; as long as

the other egg is symmetrical.

Within the broken egg is a ring of sediment near the bottom of the shell, where the contents of the egg gradually evaporated and left sediment of egg behind. Below this ring of sediment, the shell is clear and white; as is the upper portion of the interior surface. The shell will hold 34 pints of water. Some think it is an ostrich egg, but it is too large for that, and no such animal is in this land. The Yellow River 2,000 years ago, flowed 4 miles north of this city. The old bed of the river is still clearly defined. This whole section is of alluvial formation, and was deposited by the Yellow River. We believe the egg is to be those of enormous lizards, which were 50 ft. in length, and lived during the reptile age, from 30,000 to 100,000 years ago.

If so these eggs have been hidden in the earth for centuries before the pyramids were built, and Homer sang, and wrote them when Adam walked along the Euphrates and enjoyed the beautiful garden.

I enclose a picture of the egg, and shall be pleased if you or any of your readers can explain what these interesting curiosities are.

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possible, the admission that the country was going to pay the bill immediately was discounted. The French indemnity, forty-five years ago, was greater, than the cost of the war, and Germany has grown up in the belief that war was a source of profit.

"On the other hand, France and England have suffered enormous losses of capital. This is concealed by the payment of interest, but if Germany should conquer all the money France and England could raise by taxation and new loans would be demanded by Germany, and the defeated Governments would have to repudiate their war debts, and their people would suffer universal bankruptcy. The defeated side is in for a long term of grinding poverty."

PREHISTORIC EGGS.

A correspondent of the "Shanghai Mercury," writing from Chengchow, Honan, tells the following about two eggs lately unearthed near there:

Recently two eggs of enormous size have come into my possession, each measuring 178 millimetres in the longest diameter, and 147 mm in the shortest. The shell, two mm thick, composed of two layers, the outer 1 mm thick is of lime formation, the inner 1 mm thick is the original shell, and skin of egg which gradually was petrified—one of the eggs is slightly broken—this egg was found in Chengchow 50 ft. below the surface of the ground. There were four layers of soil, the first, was 10 ft. of sand, the 2nd 5 ft. clay, the 3rd 5 ft. clay and sand, the 4th 10 ft. of sand. The egg was found in this last layer of sand. The chemical analysis water near where the egg was found is as follows:

Pails per 100,000.

Temporary hardness 22 degrees.

Total mineral in solution 49.2

Total mineral matter 59.0

Chlorine 86

No charring takes place in "gutting" the egg. The second egg was found 15 miles from here deep beneath the surface of the ground, embedded in the dirt, was beside a sunken road, which had been excavated by water, wind, and centuries of travel. These roads are very common in this section. The broken egg has a deposit of lime formation upon its under surface, where it rested upon the sand. The other egg is symmetrical.

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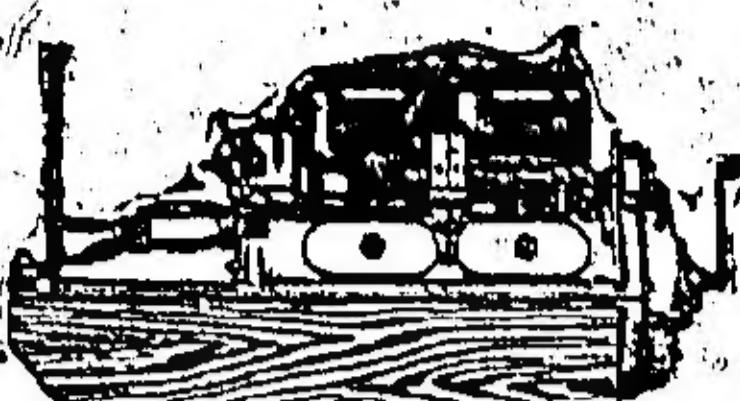
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Moyne, Manila December 16, General.

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Fochow, British steamer, 1,228, D. R.

Davies, Saigon, Dec. 12, Rice and Rice.

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Hup, British str., 1,204, A. J. Scott,

Bangkok Dec. 8, Rice and General.

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Fochow, British str., 1,423, Jas. M.

Hay, Saigon, Dec. 11, Rice and Meal.

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Kyodo Maru, Japanese str., 2,026, S.

Fukushima, Bangkok Nov. 24, Rice and

Meal—M. B. K.

Tung Wah, Chinese steamer, 846 D.

Ho, Bangkok Dec. 7, Rice—Canton.

South Maru, Japanese str., from Canton.

Hutchison, British str., from Canton.

Keangke, Chinese str., from Canton.

Satsuma Maru, Japanese str., from Canton.

DEPARTURES.

December 18.

Fujin Maru, for Keelung.

Tsuru Maru, for Amoy.

Tsuru Maru, for Keelung and Kobe.

December 19.

Tenyo Maru, for Shanghai and San

Francisco.

Amazon, for Haiphong and Marseilles.

Tsun Maru, for Shanghai and Seattle.

Myogian Maru, for Hongkong.

Chengchung, for Canton.

Chen, for Canton.

Tsun, for Canton.

Astral, for San Francisco.

Winglong, for Canton.

Linglong, for Swatow.

Linglong, for Manila.

Hawke, for Saigon.

Cleared.

Standard Arrow, for Swatow.

Hin Fung, for Canton.

Trionia, for Palembang.

Kueichow, for Tientsin and Weihaiwei.

ARRIVED.

Per Dugan, from Bangkok, Mr. P. A.

Olsen.

DEPARTED.

Per Tama Maru, for Seattle, Mr.

and Mrs. Hartenberg, Mr. and Mrs. H.

Fraser and infant, Mr. H. Barton, Mr.

J. Hodges, Mr. Mural, Mrs. Croxton and

infant, Mr. C. E. Bischoff, Mr. K. Takayama, Mr. Y. Maesuaga, Mr. and Mrs. D.

G. Allen.

SHIPPING REPORTS.

The Norwegian steamer Dugan from

Bangkok reports: Strong N.E. and

N.E. wind, very sea.

The British steamer Fochow from

Saigon reports: Moderate and strong

motion at times; high E.N.E. swell

cloudy weather.

The British steamer Hup from Bang-

kok reports: Strong N.E. to N.E.

gales and high sea from Pulo Obi to Chilang

Point.

The British steamer Fochow from

Saigon reports: Strong gales and mon-

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WEATHER REPORT.

On the 10th at 11.50—Pressure has
increased moderately over N. Japan and
decreased slightly over S. Japan, the
Loochoo, and Annam. It is nearly
stationary elsewhere.

The monsoon will prevail along the
east coast of China and over the N. China
Sea.

Hongkong Rainfall for the 24 hours
ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 4.00 inch.

Forecast for the 24 hours ending at
noon on the 20th Decem.

1.—Hongkong to Gap Rock: N.E.

winds, moderate to fresh; fair, colder.

2.—Formosa Channel: N.E. winds,

strong.

3.—South coast of China between

Hongkong and Lancks: The same as

No. 1.

4.—South coast of China between

Hongkong and Hainan: The same as

No. 1.

5.—Canton: Same as No. 1.

6.—South coast of China between

Hongkong and Taiwan: The same as

No. 1.

7.—South coast of China between

Hongkong and Hainan: The same as

No. 1.

8.—South coast of China between

Hongkong and Taiwan: The same as

No. 1.

9.—South coast of China between

Hongkong and Taiwan: The same as

No. 1.

10.—South coast of China between

Hongkong and Taiwan: The same as

No. 1.

11.—South coast of China between

Hongkong and Taiwan: The same as

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12.—South coast of China between

Hongkong and Taiwan: The same as

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13.—South coast of China between

Hongkong and Taiwan: The same as

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14.—South coast of China between

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15.—South coast of China between

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16.—South coast of China between

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17.—South coast of China between

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18.—South coast of China between

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